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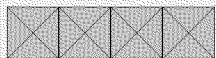
The head of the Environmental Protection Agency defended his meetings with energy companies, chemical manufacturers, automakers and other industry groups, arguing that they were "stakeholders" not "polluters."

In an exclusive interview with TIME on Oct. 18, former Oklahoma attorney general Scott Pruitt argued that the recent criticism of his schedule, which showed he met with environmental groups less than 1% of the time, was inaccurate.

"I don't spend any time with polluters. I prosecute polluters," says Pruitt. "What I'm spending time with are stakeholders who care about outcomes. I think it's a wrong premise. It's Washington D.C.- think to look at folks across the country—from states to citizens to farmers and ranchers, industry in general—and say they are evil or wrong and we're not going to partner with them."

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